

Applicant : Caveney et al.  
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**EXPEDITED PROCESSING  
REQUESTED**  
Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Examining Art Unit 2839

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER RULE 116**

Dear Examiner Nguyen:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on November 30, 2006 (the "Office Action"). Applicants make the following amendments and submit the remarks appearing after the amendments. Applicants' only amendment to the claims is cancellation of independent claims 94 and 95 without prejudice.

Although Applicants do not believe any fees are due, this is a conditional petition for any extension needed and an authorization to charge missing fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0228.